

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2025 - SB 1956

February 8, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health to develop a comprehensive state oral health plan in consultation with public and private agencies, partners, stakeholders, health, dental, and medical communities and submit the plan to the General Assembly and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by January 1, 2017.

The plan is required to be used to direct skilled personnel and funding decisions in order to reduce the prevalence of oral disease and to enable the state to compete more effectively for funding resources and opportunities. Specifically, the plan is required to: include state-specific data; be maintained in a current and relevant form with updates every five years; be distributed broadly to public partners and policymakers; provide specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-framed (S.M.A.R.T.) objectives; include a logic model; include a strong infrastructure; provide accessibility to current resources; identify knowledge gaps in resources, and to provide recommendations for elimination those gaps; consider Healthy People 2020 oral health objectives; identify priority populations and the burdens of oral disease; identify partners with the ability to leverage resources; provide a communication plan for addressing new or emerging oral health knowledge specifically for dental caries, water fluoridation, and school-based or school-linked dental sealant programs; and initiate other related requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$100,400

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the state currently has a State Health Plan, of which oral health services is a part; however, this legislation will place a significantly greater burden upon the Department. According to the DOH, this legislation requires objectives that cannot be accomplished utilizing existing staff and other resources of the Department.
- According to the DOH, effectuating the provisions of the bill will require contracting with a third party vendor to complete the requirements of the bill.
- Based on information provided by DOH, the cost incurred by DOH to contract with a third party vendor is estimated to be \$501,800 for a contract term of five years.

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- It is assumed the cost associated with such contract would be allocated across the five-year term of the contract; thus, the recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$100,360 ($\$501,800 / 5$).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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